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TO: JOHN O'BRIEN
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HAVE SPOKEN AT SOME LENGTH WITH ART PALMER.
PURPOSE OF PM OPPOSITION TO B+W PATENT APPLICATION IS TO
ESTABLISH THAT B+W IS NOT ENTITLED TO PATENT PROTECTION.
IN THE EVENT THAT PM IS SUCCESSFUL, ADVICE RE OUR ABILITY
TO LAUNCH WOULD, OF COURSE, BE SIMPLE.

OPPOSITION PROCESS WILL TAKE A RELATIVELY LONG TIME.
ACCORDINGLY, IF IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE DEFINITIVE ADVICE
WITH RESPECT TO EXTENT OF B+W RIGHTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE,
OPINION OF AUSTRALIAN COUNSEL WOULD NEED TO BE SOUGHT BUT
MIGHT TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO OBTAIN.

HAVE SPOKEN TO COLIN WOOD-BRADLEY WHO THOUGHT YOU ALREADY
HAD O-RINGS AND SPECIAL MOUTH RINGS. HE TOLD ME HE WILL
NOW ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SOME AND SEND THEM TO YOU PROMPTLY.

UNABLE TO GET WHIST AS HE WAS ILL AND EN ROUTE HOME FROM
THE OFFICE.

REGARDS,

OWEN SMITH

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